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Sex-ed and the Forest City

Adventures in Sex City 2. Health unit releases 'more tame' sequel to racy video game that promotes safe sex



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Cue the elementary-school giggles.

Middlesex-London Health

Unit released its second edition of Adventures in Sex City on Wednesday morning. The five-minute interactive video game preaches safe sex for young adults, especially when drinking, with a focus on avoiding sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Racy character names such as Wonder Vag, Sperminator and Captain Condom are sure to elicit a cackle or two from users of all ages.

But those behind the scenes feel the game's edginess is an effective way to deliver sexual-

Rubber band

"We get great responses because everyone wants to know why I'm wearing a condom on my head."

Josh Poynter, a.k.a. Captain Condom, a nurse at Middlesex-London Health Unit

health information.

"We wanted to try something different," said Shaya Dhinsa, manager of sexual health at the unit. "We needed to find a new way to reach young adults."

Since its release two years ago, the original Adventures in

Sex City has been played more than 400,000 times by people around the world.

The target is young adults aged 16 to 21. Dhinsa said they are more susceptible to STIs than any other age group. "It's about attracting them to the game and then feeding them

legitimate information while they play."

Most of the work to create Adventures in Sex City 2 was done in-house, with the exception of the game design, which was handled by Hampson Custom Software.

"Everything you see in the game is straight from ideas the young adults came up with in a focus group," said Josh Poynter, a nurse at the unit, who was decked out in full Captain Condom attire on Wednesday.

Comparing the two games, Poynter said the new game is a

"little more tame."

One of the ways Adventures in Sex City gained an audience in the past was to have employees dress in character and walk down London's Richmond Row on Friday and Saturday nights.

"It's actually pretty effective," Poynter said, noting he's appeared in his fair share of cellphone photos with bar-goers. "We get great responses because everyone wants to know why I'm wearing a condom on my head."

View Adventures in Sex City 2 at getitonlondon.com.

Working for their ticket

Western undergrads are off to Ghana for a month of volunteering PAGE 3

Hello, Handsome

Local folk-rock band Handsome Dan and His Gallimaufry wins CHRW's local album of the year PAGE 15

Looking for lucky seven

Daniel Alfredsson and the Ottawa Senators are hoping to extend their run in the playoffs as they head into Game 7 against the New York Rangers on Thursday

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Lisa Kelliher, dressed as Wonder Vag, and Josh Poynter, suited up as Captain Condom, attend a screening of Adventures in Sex City 2. Middlesex-London Health Unit employees were on hand Wednesday for the launch of the educational video game that promotes safe sex among young adults. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

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Students hope volunteering abroad will have domino effect

Off to Ghana.

Western University undergraduate students are headed to impoverished Africa



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Next week, six Western University undergrads will embark on an eye-opening experience.

"It'll be like preaching to the choir a little bit," Alexandra Braun-Woodbury, 22, said, "but it's definitely still a reality check."

Braun-Woodbury and a handful of peers — Ashley Hassard, Michele Ivanisevic, Joanna Arniotis, Kristy Race and Elyse Golian — will touch down in the rural town of Frankadua, Ghana, on May 1. They'll stay in the Sub-Saharan African nation until the end of the month, volunteering at a local elementary school and orphanage.

Since the globally minded group is made up of some aspiring teachers and a few sociologists/economists, it's not a total shock they're set to fly overseas to better the world.

Quoted

"Of course we want to educate ourselves, but this is mostly about inspiring others."

Ashley Hassard, Western undergrad

What is perhaps surprising is that they don't want recognition for conducting a month-long good deed. Instead, they want you to join them.

"Of course we want to educate ourselves, but this is mostly about inspiring others," said Hassard, a 21-year-old Toronto native.

Although there are humanitarian programs at the university, such as Western Heads East and Alternative Spring Break, Hassard and company opted to go through International Volunteer Headquarters.

The decision, she said, will give them some more freedom and a chance to really connect with the community.

"You have to have a bit of an adventurous streak," Hassard added in regards to what it takes to volunteer abroad.

Ivanisevic, who will be volunteering internationally



From left, Alexandra Braun-Woodbury, 22, of Toronto, Ashley Hassard, 21, of Toronto, and Michelle Ivanisevic, 21, of Niagara Falls, make up half of a group of Western University students headed to Frankadua, Ghana, on a volunteer trip. The group, which leaves May 1 and returns home May 31, will be teaching English and helping out at local orphanages. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

for the first time, is anxious to work with the children.

"They're the future of Ghana," Ivanisevic said.

For travel-obsessed Braun-Woodbury it's taken a while,

but she's finally valuing time spent overseas.

"It's a completely different experience," she said of helping complete strangers in a foreign country. "When

you travel just to travel, you feel a little lost. You can take away a lot more from something like this."

To follow their journey, visit ProjectGhana2012.org.

Helping young adults get off the streets

Leaders of a three-year effort aimed at better serving homeless youths presented some initial findings Wednesday.

By their side — in a room filled with academics, researchers and service providers — were people who know the topic better than anyone: Three young adults who've spent a good portion of their lives battling mental illness, addictions and homelessness.

They are some of the nearly 190 people aged 16 to 24 participating in the research project led by city officials, community agencies and Dr. Cheryl Forchuk, a Western professor

and Lawson Health Institute researcher. The initiative — set to wrap up next spring — is following the group for 18 months to document their progress when they are provided the type of social assistance they want.

"Our goal is to change the system," Forchuk said. "(It's) not just to find out what's going on now, but (we're asking), 'How can we do it better?'"

Throughout the study, the youths are given chances to tell their stories and present researchers with a clear picture of their challenges.

It's through the research

in action that Kenneth Hammond hopes to make a difference.

Now 24, Hammond said he's been homeless since turning 15. He landed in London about three years ago and wants to be part of a "solution" by participating in Youth Matters.

"I hope others can learn from my mistakes," he said, adding he hopes that can lead to "more success stories and less trouble cases."

The preliminary findings released Wednesday stem from questions participants like Hammond were asked when they signed on.

The youths were asked what kind of help they needed first: Housing, treatment for addictions and mental-health problems, a combination of both, or something entirely different.

Forty per cent chose housing, 31 per cent chose treatment and 20 per cent wanted both.

A home has been found for 124 of the youths involved, and 80 per cent have been able to maintain it, Forchuk said.

Researchers also have learned that almost one-third of participants are parents and 55 per cent have brain injuries.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO



Kenneth Hammond, 24, speaks on Wednesday during a homeless conference. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Bawdy houses

Feds to appeal sex-trade ruling

The government is looking to appeal a ruling that essentially legalized bawdy houses.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says the Supreme Court needs to provide a binding, national decision. He also says the laws are constitutionally sound. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ornge controversy

Premier says he met ex-CEO once

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he only had one encounter with Chris Mazza, the ousted CEO of Ontario's troubled air ambulance service.

McGuinty says he only met Mazza once in 2005, when he visited people who were evacuated to Sudbury from the remote First Nations

reserve of Kashechewan.

At the time, the province had declared a state of emergency in Kashechewan after E. coli bacteria was found in their water supply.

He says he may have also run into Mazza at a reception, but says he meets thousands of people each year at social events.

McGuinty made the comments in the legislature while under fire from the Opposition Conservatives.

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Dalton McGuinty METRO FILE

Rafferty trial

2 accused stayed in contact: Lawyer

The trial of a man accused of killing Victoria Stafford is hearing that after the eight-year-old's death he was frequently in touch with the woman his lawyer suggests killed Tori right before his eyes.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty.

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On the web

He be jammin'

Barack Obama hit the late-night TV circuit (to mixed reviews). Watch Obama slow-jam a stump speech with Jimmy Fallon at metronews.ca

Screeners accused of cashing in

U.S. Transportation Security Administration screeners accused of taking bribes to allow drugs through Los Angeles' airport have been charged in a corruption probe. A 22-count indictment unsealed Wednesday outlined five incidents in which the employees allegedly took up to \$2,400 to provide drug couriers unfettered access at LAX. Full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news



A mob of 30 women got into a bloody street fight in California after a wife discovered her husband was cheating on her with another woman, who was posting comments about the romance on Facebook. Scan the code for the story.

Caterpillar. U.S. company spent \$38 million to close Electro-Motive

Caterpillar shelled out \$38 million U.S. in order to close its Electro-Motive facility in London earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the U.S. company says its first-quarter profit jumped 29 per cent, and it's boosting its outlook for the year with U.S. construction firms replacing old gear and global demand booming for mining equipment.

Caterpillar said Wednesday that it generated \$1.59 billion net income, or \$2.37 per share, during the quarter. That's up from last year's \$1.23 billion net income, or \$1.84 per share.

The firm says its revenue grew 23 per cent to \$15.98 billion.

In numbers

450

Number of Canadian Auto Workers laid off when Caterpillar closed the Electro-Motive plant.

lion from last year's \$12.95 billion.

Earlier this year, Caterpillar shut down the Electro-Motive plant, laying off members of the Canadian Auto Workers who'd been locked out after they refused to accept pay cuts of up to 50 per cent.

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Hospital gets \$100K for eating-disorder program

As the lead donor to the child and adolescent mental-health eating-disorders program at London's Children's Hospital, Sun Life Financial has committed \$100,000 to the Children's Health Foundation. **METRO**

Libro offers Londoners \$50 toward trees

Libro Financial Group is offering \$50 gift certificates to families for a tree purchase this spring. Gift certificates are available while supplies last, one per family, and are to be used for a same-day tree purchase. **METRO**

Knights sweep way to OHL final

Moving on. London will face the winner of the Niagara-Ottawa series for a spot in the Memorial Cup

Seth Griffith scored a pair of goals and added an assist as the London Knights swept the Kitchener Rangers in four games with a 4-2 victory on Wednesday to win the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference title.

The Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two periods on a short-handed goal by Griffith and power-play goals by Ryan Rupert and Olli Maatta, who also picked up a pair of assists.

The Rangers stormed back in the third with goals by Ben Thomson and Cody Sol, but Griffith's second of the night into an empty net ended the Rangers' comeback.

Rangers goalie John Gibson had another stellar game, stopping 46 of 50 shots in defeat, while Michael Houser turned aside 26 shots for the win.

London was 2 for 6 on the power play, while Kitchener was blanked in two oppor-



Austin Watson of the London Knights screens Kitchener Ranger goalie John Gibson in the second period. London defeated the Kitchener Rangers 4-2 to win the OHL's Western Conference title. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

tunities with the man advantage.

The 4-0 series win marks London's first appearance in the OHL finals since it was swept by the Peterborough Petes in 2005-06. The year

prior, the Knights won both the OHL championship and Memorial Cup.

The Niagara IceDogs currently have a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference final series versus the Ot-

tawa 67's. The winner plays London in the OHL finals, with the victor of that series moving on to the 2012 Memorial Cup, scheduled for May 18-27 in Shawinigan, Que. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/METRO**

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No, it's not a panda invasion

Pavith Devarajan, 16, of London, was at King and Talbot streets Wednesday with his panda-suited buddy for the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization's Bubbles of Love campaign. The organization aims to raise awareness about the harm done to children when a one parent tries to alienate them from the other. Such situations often exist during nasty divorces or custody disputes, campaign leaders said. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

Canadian conference recognizes top research from Lawson and LHSC

Lawson Health Research Institute and London Health Sciences Centre have received national recognition for transplantation research and care. At the recent meeting of the Canadian Society of Transplantation, researchers presented advances that may significantly decrease the likelihood of transplant rejection and improve patients' quality of life.

Scientists Ye Su, Kim Chi Tran, Arthur Lau, and Xusheng Zhang from the Matthew Mailing Centre for Translational Transplant Studies swept all four awards for the top-rated basic-research abstracts. Much of their work is focused on improving the success of a transplant by manipulating the immune system so it more readily accepts the organ.

Clinicians from LHSC's multi-organ transplant program also excelled in clinical-abstract awards. Roberto Hernandez, liver-transplant surgeon, received the 2012 Clinical Abstract Award from among more than 70 submissions. **METRO**

HOW A CREDIT CARD CAN HELP NEWLYWEDS FURNISH THEIR FIRST HOME

NEWLYWEDS



Ali and Fatima, both 29, are newlyweds living in Ottawa. In the fall, they used their wedding gift money to put a substantial

down payment on a bungalow in the Elmvalle Acres area of the city. The house has a small yard, an unfinished basement and “tons of potential,” says Ali, who intends to finish it himself.

The couple is in good financial shape. Ali has a government job downtown while Fatima works for an association. Their combined annual income is \$80,000.

They have a budget they can live with and their debt is manageable — along with the mortgage, Ali’s student loan will be paid off in five years and their

car is leased. What also helps is they receive financial help periodically from Ali’s parents who live nearby.

Ali and Fatima are having fun furnishing their house, and they have an eye on the future too — children, a bigger house and “definitely, annual vacations south,” says Fatima.

The couple has a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA® cash back credit card, which they use for as many of their monthly purchases as possible. In fact, they just bought a new big screen TV and put the purchase on their card, earning them some valuable cash back.

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Ali and Fatima’s profile:

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Ali and Fatima’s Estimated Annual *Scotia Momentum*® Cash Back

Ali and Fatima have a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA card (the card below on the left). Here’s a look at the cash back their purchases add up to with their card — and a comparison with what their cash back would add up to if they had the *Scotia Momentum*® No-Fee VISA card (the card on the right).

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Like their counterparts in the comic-book world, Real-life Superheroes need villains. Real-Life Super Villains were created four years ago to help ensure superheroes stay moral. 'Villains' don't have death lasers or plans to rule the world. They take upon themselves the duty of demanding accountability of those who would call themselves 'super'

Villains gladly put hose to heroes

NADIA FEZZANI AND
THE GOLDEN DON
For Metro Canada

The interaction the Real-Life Super Villains have with the Real-Life Superheroes is mainly online.

Although it is known to happen, very rarely do RLSVs actually meet RLSHs in person.

For better or worse, the Internet is the medium. Approval, information-sharing, networking, collaboration and conflicts are played out on Facebook, YouTube and various message boards and forums.

Much like heroes, each villain operates differently.

Some Real-Life Super Vil-

lains openly, sometimes cruelly, in posts and comments to demand response from heroes whose behaviour they find lacking.

Some mock by producing media designed to spoof and draw attention to the hero's shortcomings.

Targeting the 'capes'

"The reason I target certain 'capes,' as we call them, is that I don't believe that they are acting very heroic. If they are bigots or otherwise set a bad example for the community and/or the children who they are supposed to be protecting, it puts them right in my crosshairs. Heroes have no room for hate speech or supporting things such as crimes against women.

My goals have somewhat changed. I do not attack everyone who calls themselves a superhero ... just the ones who deserve it. There are those out there who I believe are genuine in what they are trying to do and truly wish to help people. I generally leave those people alone — and have actually become friends with some of them.

I will be honest: The costume makes things a lot more fun and theatrical for both sides. I mean, who wants to fight a 'hero' or 'villain' in a T-shirt and blue jeans? Come on — they get to wear costumes, then so do we!" Super villain Zyklon B

Villainy in disguise



The Golden Don
NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Keepers of the golden rule or cyber-bullies?

In many ways, Real Life Superheroes and Real Life Super Villains are more similar than they would want to admit. Many in both camps love comic books, and contribute to causes they believe in.

However, there are fundamental differences.

The greatest: RLSH go

out and interact with their community in one way or another.

Villains, on the other hand, operate on the Internet.

Real Life Superheroes often criticize their nemeses by saying they waste their time in their "mothers' basement" nay-saying the RLSH world rather than making a real difference.

Many RLSH feel that the RLSV are simply costumed cyber-bullies.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA



Kaptain Blackheart. NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Phoenix Jones: Masked

It was just like a scene from a movie the day Real Life Superhero Phoenix Jones' assault charges were dropped.

As more than a dozen journalists and photographers crowded around him, the 23-year-old Seattleite took off his black and gold mask for the first time in public.

For two years, he had been known for fighting crime. That day he told the world, "I'm Phoenix Jones. I'm also Ben Fodor. I also protect the city, I also am a father, I also am a brother. I'm just like everyone else."



Phoenix Jones NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Some call them Real Life Superheroes. Others refer to them as crime fighters or crime-prevention patrollers. Phoenix Jones and his team, the "Rain City Superhero Movement," call themselves a crime-prevention brigade.

For the past two years, they have been arresting carjackers, attackers and people threatening others with guns in the troubled areas of Seattle.

Equipped with bullet-proof vests, stab plating, pepper spray, Tasers and a first-aid kit, members of the 10-person

team risk their lives to protect the lives of others. Even with protective equipment, the job is dangerous: Jones has been shot once and stabbed twice.

Jones is a six-foot-tall, 185-pound mixed-martial-arts champion who calls on lessons learned in his tough childhood to build his strong character.

Born to criminal parents who stole and sold narcotics, Jones — or Ben — was the middle child in a family of five. He was the only one who was sent to live in an orphanage until the age of five. "I guess it

Meet the Super Villains



Zyklon B

A prominent member of R.O.A.C.H., a villain group, Zyklon B took on a controversial name to match his approach to his criticism of heroes as whole. He uses inflammatory comments that are designed to straddle the line of propriety, especially with new or unproven RLSH. "The bad guys are really the good guys. And the heroes are the villains," says Zyklon B.



NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

The Roaming EYE of DOOM

A comedic group of what some call "Metavillains," these fiction-based villains are led by Octavius Fong, an evil puppet. The EYE has included those like Kaptain Blackheart, the Baroness, Agent Orange and others. The goal is to hold a "fun-house mirror" to the RLSH community by producing humorous videos, web-cast radio programming and online

personas. The Baroness has also exposed false RLSH whose goal was to send explicit messages to females in the online community. They try to maintain a high standard of ethics, if only to keep the higher ground.



NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

hero exposed



phanage but he wasn't like the others. Even though his mother was in prison, he had a parent.

Jones was adopted at nine years old, but had to spend half the time with his new family and half the time at the orphanage. At 11 he moved to his new home permanently and settled into a new school, where Jones starting training in martial arts. By 14, he was already a black belt.

After high school, he trained to work with autistic children, his passion for five years.

In October 2011, Jones was charged with assault when he broke up a fight using pepper spray. His costume was taken and his identity was revealed as public record. Even though the charges were dropped, the authorities kept his uniform for weeks.

Jones chose to embrace his circumstances, even though he lost his job and licence to work with the autistic because of the assault accusations. He faced the public bravely. Now, with a little less mystery, he continues to patrol, protect and inspire the citizens of Seattle.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA

Lord Malignance

Perhaps the most disciplined practitioner of "Metavillainy," he speaks of himself in third person as "One." His portrayal of this persona has led to the creation of a textured fictional existence that includes a headquarters he has built in his home. His goal is to inspire critical thinking through absurdity and imagination. "Superheroes are trapped in a group self-delusion of their own making. Whenever the truth appears, they run from it like kryptonite," says Lord Malignance.



NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Caligula Caesar

Caligula Caesar selected his name to embody the greed and thirst for power that his historical namesake so villainously displayed. Based out of Brooklyn, he calls his neighbourhood the New R.O.M.E. (Reign Over My Enemies).

He got into villainy eight months ago, when he heard of local superheroes making what he considered to be preposterous claims about contributing to decreasing crime in his part of town.

Today, he manages a forum where heroes and villains can debate, settle their differences and air their grievances without it being visible to fans and supporters.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO



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- Exclusive video interview: Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign with Pure Evil. Until recently, Real Life Superheroes Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign have refused to communicate with Real Life Super Villains. Exclusively, they have accepted the invitation for an interview from the Golden Don and Kaptain Blackheart, the only "Metavillains" to be accepted by Jones.



Code of ethics



community. As the Silver Sentinel, I'm a mentor and friend to heroes around the world, offering advice and directing new people to training resources in their local communities." Superhero Silver Sentinel

"A Code of ethics is necessary if the community is to work toward a common goal. Because there are a growing number of superheroes, it's necessary that we all understand and trust one another. It's also important for the general public to know what we stand for, so that they, in turn, feel comfortable working with us. In my everyday life I'm a security professional, so I bring that background into the RLSH


was just luck of the draw. Just flip a coin," he recalls.

During that period of time, his mother got busted for selling drugs out of her baby carriage. When he was five, the system returned Jones to live with his father and siblings.

Two years later, life took a dramatic turn. While Jones was waiting in the car for his father to come back from running errands, he heard gunshots. His father had attempted to rob a convenience store and was killed.

Jones was placed in an or-


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Feds' budget, new tax lowering deficit: Duncan

Queen's Park. New tax bracket, cap on government spending projected to assist in taking \$3.5B off Ontario debt by 2017-18

Ontario's deficit for the 2011-12 fiscal year fell to \$15 billion from a projected \$15.3 billion, and the province expects to have a surplus by 2017-18, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced Wednesday.

Duncan credited changes in the federal budget, which was introduced two days after his Ontario budget, for helping lower the bottom line for last year.

A new tax on the rich that the Liberals agreed to implement so the NDP would not



Ontario Finance Minister
Dwight Duncan
THE CANADIAN PRESS

vote against the minority government's budget will help stem the flow of red ink sooner than planned, said Duncan.

"There's a whole variety of factors that go into it — the expenditure reductions that are built into the plan — but, yes, that tax does get us there more quickly," he said.

"If you look at the 2012

budget, we projected balance in 2017-18. We now have half-a-billion-dollar surplus in that year."

The Liberals estimate the two-percentage-point surtax on incomes over \$500,000 will bring in \$470 million a year in revenue, and "every nickel" will be used to pay down the deficit, said Duncan.

Despite Wednesday's announcement, a second credit-rating agency has put Ontario on credit watch.

Standard and Poor's has revised its Ontario outlook from stable to negative, saying it is concerned about the minority government's ability to meet its cost-containment targets.

Moody's Investor Services took the same action last fall, but that was before the Liberals introduced their austerity budget. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Young dancers get their chance to shine

Cora Quiznel, left, and Makayla Parson, both 7 and students at Northdale Public School in Woodstock, perform Wednesday to a Justin Bieber song during the Thames Valley District School Board's Dance Festival in London. The festival, marking its 36th year, started Monday and continues through Friday, featuring nearly 5,000 dancers from about 90 schools. The event aims to promote the enjoyment of non-competitive dancing. Performances are streamed live on the school board's website, tvdsb.ca, at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

School board

TVDSB votes in new trustee

Thames Valley District School Board trustees unanimously voted to approve the appointment of London lawyer Donna Clark to replace longtime trustee Terry Roberts, who died in March. Clark, a resident of London's Ward 10, will serve alongside Joyce Bennett as the second trustee representing Wards 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13.

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E-waste

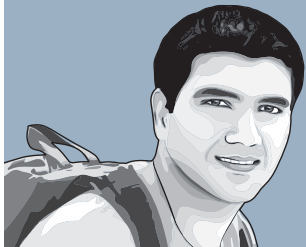
Recycle and help out local scouts

Rona Stores and London scout groups are partnering Saturday on a one-day recycling blitz. If you have old electronics, then bring them to a Rona store and FCM Recycling will collect them and donate a portion of the proceeds to local scout groups. The promotion begins at 9 a.m. at Rona stores at 820 Blythwood Rd. and 1305 Commissioners Rd. E. **METRO**

Western

Has astrophysicist found answers?

In a new study published in the Astrophysical Journal, Western University's Shantanu Basu and University of Vienna's Eduard Vorobyov present a model of brown-dwarf formation that unites existing theories and has far-reaching implications. Brown dwarfs are astronomical objects that have too little mass to be called stars and too much mass to be called planets. **METRO**



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Korean War veterans from Canada pay their respects Tuesday during a ceremony. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian's ashes sent to Korea for burial

Reunited in death.
Two Canadian brothers fought in Korean War

Back in a country most of them saw for the first time more than half a century ago, about 50 Canadian veterans of the Korean War braved driving rains Wednesday to finally reunite a pair of brothers long since divided by the conflict.

Archibald Hearsey, born in Ignace, Ont., in 1929, had requested in his will that his ashes be returned to Korea and buried next to his older

Korean War remembered

"They're gone and I'm still here. I'm lucky."

Veteran George Hamilton. After the burial ceremony, many Canadian vets walked among the gravestones in Busan, where 378 Canadians are buried.

brother Joseph, who died in battle in 1951.

Their remarkable story is one of the Korean War's most powerful tales.

Hearsey died in June of last year. Wednesday's ceremony marked the first time a war veteran's remains were brought back to be buried on

South Korean soil.

"They were two small-town boys that were separated by war," said Archibald's daughter, Debbie Kakagamic, who travelled to Korea with her son Solomon to attend the burial ceremony and visit her uncle's grave.

"Now they're together again."

Joseph Hearsey was one of 516 Canadian soldiers who died during the Korean War, which lasted from June 1950 to July 1953.

Canada was one of 16 foreign countries that sent troops, and 26,791 Canadian soldiers fought.

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Quebec tuition hikes

Talks between government, students go bust

For three days, there was a faint sign that Quebec's student unrest might find a peaceful resolution. Any such hope was dashed Wednesday as talks broke off between the province and Quebec's student groups.

Their three-day attempt at negotiation was a long shot, with the government refusing to back down on tuition hikes and students demanding just that. Demonstrations have started again in Montreal.

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Prince George, B.C. Second victim identified in deadly sawmill blast

A 46-year-old mill worker has been identified as the second victim of the blast that levelled the Lakeland sawmill in Prince George, B.C., on Monday night.

The coroner's service has confirmed that Prince George resident Glenn Francis Roche died in Edmonton, just hours after being transferred to that city for treatment of critical burns.

Forty-three-year-old shift supervisor Alan Little died Tuesday morning in Prince George.

The men were among 11

severely injured when an explosion and fire tore through the mill, owned and operated by Prince George-based Sinclair Group Forest Products.

Three victims have been airlifted for treatment at hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria, while six people remain in hospital in Prince George. Thirteen others were treated and released.

Every sawmill in B.C. has been ordered to conduct a safety review in the wake of the blast, the second deadly explosion at a B.C. sawmill this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'This thing's huge.' Fossil stumps scientists

Experts are trying to figure out what a fossil dubbed "Godzilla" used to be.

The 68-kilogram fossil recovered last year in Kentucky is more than two metres long. To the untrained eye, it looks like a bunch of rocks or a concrete blob. Experts are trying to determine whether it was an animal, mineral or a form of plant life from a time when the Cincinnati region was underwater.

Scientists at a Geological Society of America meeting viewed it Tuesday at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

"We are looking for people who might have an idea of what it is," said Ben Dattilo, an assistant professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scientists say the fossil is 450 million years old. University of Cincinnati geologist Carl Brett said it's the largest fossil ever extracted from that era in the Cincinnati region.

"This is the ultimate cold case," said Ron Fine, the Dayton, Ohio, amateur paleontologist who spotted the fossil on a hillside last year and gave it its name.

"Like Godzilla, it's a primordial beast that found its way



"Godzilla" fossil. THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to the modern era," Fine said. Now 43, Fine has been collecting fossils since age four, and said he saw part of this one on a hillside off a Kentucky highway nearly a year ago.

"Most fossils around here are small, the size of your thumbnail or your thumb," he said. "This thing's huge."

He said it could be an early form of seaweed or kelp.

"This one has us stumped," said David Meyer, another UC geology professor.

"Cincinnati was covered by a sea, 100 to 200 feet deep," Meyer said. "Primitive shellfish lived in it. But no fish."

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Testing finds mad cow disease in California



Women buy beef in Seoul on Wednesday. Two major South Korean retailers have suspended the sale of U.S. beef after a dead dairy cow in California was found to have had mad cow disease. AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California. Authorities say consumers shouldn't be alarmed, as disease cannot be transmitted by contact among cows

A nondescript building in the heart of California's dairy country has become the focus of intense scrutiny after mad cow disease was discovered in a dead dairy cow.

Two major South Korean retailers suspended sales of U.S. beef in response.

Tests are performed on only a small portion of dead animals brought to the transfer facility in central California.

The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of dairies, but hadn't exhibited outward symptoms of the disease: Unsteadiness, unco-ordination, a drastic change in behaviour or low milk production, officials said. But when the animal arrived at the facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 18, its 30-month-plus age and fresh corpse made her eligible for USDA testing.

"We randomly pick a number of samples throughout the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker Commodities executive vice-president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease.

The samples went to the food-safety lab at the University of California, Davis on April 18. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to the USDA lab in Iowa for further testing.

Agriculture officials announced the findings Tuesday. The animal had atypical BSE.

That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer.

It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

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Homeland Security grilled on Colombian prostitution scandal

Washington. Senators challenge Homeland Security secretary on officers and supervisors implicated in Colombian tryst

Conflicting portraits of the Secret Service took stage Wednesday in Congress, as senators challenged Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to reconcile the image of agents who protect the lives of America's president with the dozen officers and supervisors implicated in a humiliating prostitution scandal.

Napolitano told the Senate judiciary committee that the incident in Colombia involving as many as 20 women appeared to be an isolated one. She said the agency's office of professional responsibility had not received any complaints in the past two



Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano testifies on Capitol Hill.
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and-a-half years. She said investigators are reviewing earlier time periods as well.

"This behaviour was not part of the Secret Service way of doing business," Napolitano testified. "We are going to make sure that standards and training, if they need to be tightened up they are tightened."

The Colombia scandal has been widely denounced in

Washington, but it's a delicate political matter in an election year with the presidency and congressional majorities at stake.

The White House said Wednesday that the conduct of the employees punished in the ongoing scandal was "inappropriate" and unacceptable for people representing the United States abroad.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, pressed Napolitano about whether she believes this was the first incident involving prostitutes and the Secret Service.

"The only reason I suggest that we need to maybe look at little harder is because we're lucky to have found out about this. If there hadn't been an argument between one of the agents and, I guess, a prostitute, for lack of a better word, about money, we'd probably have never known about this."

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Show of hands for 'show me your papers'

A supporter of Arizona's "show me your papers" immigration law demonstrates in front of the Supreme Court in Washington Wednesday. Supreme Court justices strongly suggested that they are ready to allow Arizona to enforce part of a controversial state law that requires police officers to check the immigration status of people they think are in the country illegally.

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WikiLeaks

Charges stick for U.S. army private

A military judge refused on Wednesday to throw out the charges against a U.S. Army private accused of providing thousands of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks in the biggest leak of government secrets in the country's history.

Army Col. Denise Lind denied the defence motion to dismiss all 22 charges during a pre-trial hearing in the court-martial of Pfc. Bradley Manning.

Manning is accused of sending hundreds of thousands of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy website run by Julian Assange. The U.S. government says the publication of that material online aided al-Qaida in the

Arabian Peninsula.

The defence has filed several motions seeking dismissal of individual charges, including the most serious, aiding the enemy. That offence carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Lind scheduled the trial to run from Sept. 21 through Oct. 12. She also scheduled four more hearings in June, July, August and September.

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Laid off Aveos employees protest outside the annual meeting of ACE Aviation, ex-parent company of Air Canada, at the Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal on Wednesday. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers accuse ACE Aviation of betrayal

Lost jobs. Air Canada's former parent company splitting spoils and abandoning workers: Protesters

Air Canada's former parent company was accused Wednesday of betraying workers by distributing millions of dollars among its shareholders as it winds down operations.

Hundreds of protesters blocked a downtown Montreal street where shareholders at ACE Aviation's annual meeting approved the plan to dissolve the holding company after less than 10 years of operation.

Vented anger

"They are responsible for the nightmare we are living right now."

Maxime Dolci, Aveos employee and local union vice-president

"They are going to distribute \$350 million that belongs to us," Jean Poirier, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said on the steps of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

While Air Canada struggles under the weight of more than \$4.3 billion of debt and hefty pension obligations, ACE shareholders will split the spoils of selling its various divisions.

ACE barred reporters from its annual meeting. In a statement, it confirmed that shareholders approved the wind up of the company and plans to distribute between \$250 million and \$300 million in the coming weeks.

"The final distribution to shareholders will not occur earlier than mid-year 2013 in order to allow that any remaining contingent liabilities be settled or otherwise provided for," it said in the statement.

The protesters accused the Harper Conservatives of being in a conspiracy with Air Canada by not enforcing a law critics say requires heavy maintenance work to be done in Canada.

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Market Minute

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Watchdog. Fiscal restraint to cost 100K jobs: Report

Government spending restraint and cuts will lead to balanced budgets but also slower economic growth and 100,000 lost jobs, Canada's budget watchdog said Wednesday.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest economic and fiscal report is surprising in that it agrees with the Harper government that the budget will be balanced in 2015-16 — maybe even a year earlier. But it says fiscal soundness carries a heavy price, with Ottawa taking \$52 billion out of the economy and the provinces adding

another \$9 billion in drag.

"The PBO expects that restraint and reductions in government spending on programs in Canada will act as a drag on economic growth and job creation, pushing the economy further away from its potential (gross domestic product) and delaying the economic recovery," the report states.

The report was posted on the PBO website Wednesday ahead of Page's testimony before the Commons finance committee on Thursday.

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ORANGE JUICE LEAVES BAD TASTE IN OUR MOUTHS



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Anyone else find it weird that the outrage over a \$16 orange juice and \$25-billion fighter jets is roughly the same?

I understand, though.

It's difficult to wrap one's

head around the Conservatives' \$10-billion discrepancy between stated and actual fighter-jet costs — because the average Joe rarely finds \$10 billion in the couch cushions. It's such a big boondoggle there's no easy way to comprehend it.

On the other hand, we've all had \$16 and we've all had orange juice.

So when we learn that Conservative MP Bev Oda had a taxpayer-funded \$16 glass of juice at a super-posh London hotel — *because the first five-star hotel wasn't good enough for her* — we "get it" and go from zero to face-palm in 2.9 seconds.

People have been accusing Oda of having champagne tastes, but at least if the juice had been mixed with champagne we'd have understood.

The \$10-billion dishonesty is bad, sure, but \$16 orange juice, well, that offends our sensibilities.

This would explain why, when reimbursing the taxpayers for part of her costs, Oda left a wholly unnecessary \$1,000-plus limousine on the taxpayers' bill, but made sure the orange juice was taken care of. She wouldn't want to look bad.

The only good news was that the relative clarity of Oda's OJ scandal makes the Conservatives' mishandling of the F-35 file that much clearer.

In both cases, the Conservatives criticized the opposition for doing their jobs. Oda called her questioners "extremist," which makes one hope she never becomes foreign minister.

In both cases, they said (essentially), "There is no scandal here, because once we got caught, we fixed it," which explains why they're the nation's leading experts on unreported crime.

And in both cases, they claimed to have followed all existing procedures. In the case of the F-35s, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the \$10 billion came down to "accounting differences," which is like blaming a car accident on "differences in direction."

The only real difference between the two scandals is that the Conservatives apologized for the orange juice.

But if you're still finding it hard to grasp the F-35 screw-up, then maybe this last comparison will help: \$25 billion could buy Oda 1,562,500,000 glasses of Tropicana. That's enough juice to make anyone's stomach turn.

Supplemental discipline

I'm Brendan Shanahan, Canada's director of taxpayer safety.

- In February 2011, in London, England, an incident occurred during a conference on the immunization of children in poor countries. In the opening minutes, International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda delivered an unnecessary cheque for \$665 to stay at a posh hotel. This is overcharging.

- As the documents show, Oda had the five-star Grange St. Paul's lined up for what should be a clean, honest cheque. However, she launched herself over two kilometres into another all-star. This is a violation of the overcharging rule, which states: "A minor or major

scandal shall be imposed on an MP who decides a five-star hotel is for cheapskates."

- It should be noted that the Conservatives did not change their fiscally conservative position either during, or immediately prior to, the cheque.

- While we accept Oda's assertion that she did not intend to hurt her electoral chances, the moment she left the first hotel, she became responsible for causing numerous Canadians' heads to explode.

- Canada's Department of Taxpayer Safety has decided to suspend Bev Oda, but I have no real power so I'm not going to do anything. Just like my old job.

The Ants go marching in



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Beijing

Auto show links new technology

Dancers perform beside the Chery @Ant concept vehicle during the 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition at China International Exhibition Center on Wednesday in Beijing. More than 2,000 automotive enterprises from 14 countries and regions are participating in the massive auto show from April 23 to May 2.

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Going green

China's dream of electric cars elusive

China's leaders are finding it's a lot tougher to create a world-beating electric-car industry than they had hoped.

In 2009, they pledged billions of dollars for research and called for annual sales of 500,000 cars by 2015.

Today, Beijing is scaling back its ambitions, chastened by technological hurdles.

The government has hedged its bets by broadening the industry's official goals to include cleaner gasoline engines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quoted

"It's expensive in China at the moment because of import duties, and we don't qualify for incentives.... But we still think it's important that we demonstrate its capabilities here in China."

Kevin Wale, president of GM China

Electric capabilities

300 km

China's most advanced developer, BYD Co. (in which American investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corp. owns a 10 per cent stake), says its electric e6 sedan can travel 300 kilometres on a charge, similar to Western models.

BYD has sold 300 taxis and 200 electric buses used in the southern city of Shenzhen, a centre for business and technology near Hong Kong, according to Henry Li, general manager of its export division. BYD has invested heavily in research and has thousands of engineers working on battery and motor technology.



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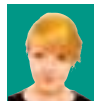
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Not just a handsome face

Awards. Handsome Dan and His Gallimaufry pick up an album of the year award from Western's radio station



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"I don't accept compliments very well and this was a huge compliment," says Daniel Mancini, frontman of local band Handsome Dan and His Gallimaufry, on winning CHRW's local album of the year award for The Best There Was.

"When it's your album and your music, you sort of become numb to it. You lose your focus and understanding of what it means to be good," Mancini says. "So it's nice that other people can affirm that it is good work."

Mancini will perform with the Gallimaufry on Saturday night to celebrate the band's win in an annual concert hosted by CHRW, Western's campus radio station.

"It's extremely important to recognize the level of talent and flourishing music community we have in London," says Ashley Desjardine, CHRW's music and promotions director.

Acknowledging the efforts of musicians and bands through the local album of the year award and concert gets people involved and talking about the London scene, Desjardine says.

Ian Doig-Phaneuf is a long-time volunteer with CHRW, hosting the weekly program A Person Disguised as People. He is also a member of another finalist taking the stage Saturday, The Riderless, with their release of Atelier Gild.

"CHRW plays an important role in giving people with highly eclectic or very particular tastes a chance to share. Having that opportu-



Handsome Dan and His Gallimaufry perform Saturday night at APK Live as part of CHRW's Local Album of the Year celebration. ROB NELSON

ity to contribute to an equally diverse audience is a great feeling," Doig-Phaneuf says. "That, and the whole process keeps the 'scene' or music community with its ear to the ground. Exposure to new music is healthy for any creative city."

Saturday's show is a great opportunity to be exposed to the diversity and talent in London. Each band has a distinctive style and sound, and a free

concert is the perfect chance to experience it.

"There is always a special kind of energy at a concert devoted to the celebration of local music," says Desjardine. "That's always my favourite part. I always leave feeling inspired and so proud to call London home."

The Local Album of the Year concert is Saturday at APK Live. The show is free and music starts at 7 p.m.

Also this weekend

- **Boogie Nights.** DJ Justin Chasty hosts Howl at the Owl Friday night at the Nite Owl on Talbot Street. The new weekly dance party features all vinyl playlists of soul, funk and blues. Doors are at 9 p.m.
- **In My Dreams.** Today is your last chance to see Julian Forrester's exhibit In My Dreams I Was Almost There at the Forest City Gallery. Forrester's paintings explore pop-culture representations of men, referencing found photographs and memories.

Lights, camera, action — 30 Rock live

Thursday Night Live. Faced with a dropping audience, comedy tries to offer viewers something unique

In a move to inject new life into its kookiness, 30 Rock is going live this week.

It will be the second such outing for the NBC comedy, which is normally a polished, single-camera filmed affair. It went live for a night in Octo-

ber 2010 with an episode performed during the show's normal time slot, then re-staged for West Coast viewers.

The same plan will be followed this Thursday: Originating from NBC's Studio 8H (fabled home of Saturday Night Live), 30 Rock will air live for viewers in the Eastern and Central time zones at 8:30 p.m. EDT, then be reprised at 8:30 PDT for the rest of viewers.

The theme of the episode plays into the idea of Live vs. Filmed. The Kabletown corporate bosses announce they will

no longer pay for live production of TGS (the fictitious show-within-a-show produced by Liz Lemon, played by 30 Rock star Tina Fey).

30 Rock could use a little excitement. Although highly acclaimed and richly awarded during its six seasons, it has begun to lose the comic edge that set it apart. And, while never a ratings juggernaut, it has seen its audience further soften this season (just 3 million viewers tuned in last week).

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Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey are tasked with injecting some excitement back into 30 Rock. HANDOUT

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Scene in brief

Jack White wrangled for Lone Ranger

Walt Disney Pictures has wrangled Jack White to compose the score for The Lone Ranger.

The studio announced Tuesday that the Grammy-winning rocker will write, produce and perform the score for director Gore Verbinski's upcoming adaptation of The Lone Ranger. The Lone Ranger will mark The White Stripes frontman's first time scoring a feature film. The film stars Johnny Depp as Tonto and Armie Hammer as John Reid. It is set to debut May 31, 2013.

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Sarajevo adopts Jolie as one of their own

Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo, has named Angelina Jolie its honorary citizen. A statement issued by city's authorities Wednesday said it made the decision in recognition of Jolie's role in preserving the "truth about the war" in Bosnia, through her directorial debut In the Land of Blood and Honey.

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On the web



From playing a good guy or bad, TV to theatre, Topher Grace enjoys a varied acting career

Beyoncé named World's Most Beautiful Woman

Beyoncé's beauty secret? Having a baby.

"I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth," the singer tells *People* magazine, which named her the 2012 World's Most Beautiful Woman.

"I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this earth," Beyoncé and husband Jay-Z welcomed daughter Blue Ivy Carter three months ago.

"The best thing about having a daughter is having a true legacy," Beyoncé adds. "The word 'love' means something completely different now."



Bieber pens song about paternity scandal

Justin Bieber is making the most of his paternity scandal last year.

"(I've written) a song about that whole situation with that girl who said she's having my baby — Mariah Yeater," Bieber says, according to AOL, adding that the track is "about every-

thing I've gone through." Yeater claimed that she had a sexual encounter with Bieber at a concert in L.A. when she was 19 and the Canadian pop star was 16, leading to her pregnancy.

Bieber later took a DNA test to disprove her claims.

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Chris Brown breeding, selling pit bull puppies



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Chris Brown and his family are selling pit bull puppies online — for \$1,000 a pop.

The media was tipped off to the pop star's new business venture by his mother, who tweeted a link to the dog-selling site, along with a picture of Brown cuddling one of the puppies. A rep for the singer confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Brown and his family are indeed selling the 2-month-old pit bulls online.

The publicist's spin on the high price tag is that Brown, whom she defines as "an animal lover," "wants to make sure the dogs go to a good home."

Look, dog breeding is one thing. But breeding pit bulls? That's especially irresponsible. According to recent stats from the Humane Society of the United States, 70 per cent of dogs housed and euthanized in urban animal shelter systems are pit bulls. An even more depressing statistic from the Los Angeles Humane Society says that around 200 pit bulls in L.A. alone are



euthanized every day due to over-breeding and lack of adoption opportunities.

The point being: Shelters are overrun with the breed, and thousands upon thousands are killed every year because no one will adopt them. And yet, Brown is selling each puppy for \$1,000? Gross.

I'm channelling my inner Bob Barker when I say: I'm pretty sure the way for Brown to show that he's a true "animal lover" is to make sure his pets are spayed and neutered — and not to breed and then sell them on a website. Especially when, come on — does he really need the money?



Mila Kunis ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Ashton and Mila continue to feed rumour mill

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis may have denied last week's reports that they've become more than just friends, but their recent activities aren't doing much to help that assertion.

The two reportedly shared a weekend getaway up the California coast, according to *People* magazine.

Witnesses spotted Kutcher and Kunis headed to Carpinteria, Calif., where they grabbed lunch and some fresh fruit Friday —

and didn't surface again until Sunday morning. A source close to Kutcher says something like this has been in the cards since their *That '70s Show* days.

"He was so in love with her for a while when they worked together," says the source. "He thought she was a goddess, was always talking about how beautiful she is. But she was with Macaulay (Culkin) for a lot of that time and also just generally gave off a not-interested vibe."

Ozzy is a grandfather

Jack Osbourne and his fiancée, Lisa Stelly, are the proud parents of a newborn baby girl, welcoming daughter Pearl on Tuesday, his rep

confirms to *People* magazine. It's the first grandchild for Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne. Sharon previously announced her intentions of spoiling the new addition. "I'm going to be the grandmother from hell, because I am going to spoil this baby so bad," she told *People* earlier this year. "My son and Lisa are going to be like, 'Get her out of here!'"

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Vivienne Westwood: 'I prefer freedom fighter'

Sustainable style. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Day. She'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead. We discuss.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an inter-

view with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the 'Gaia' Theory.

Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have now only up to 2020 to do something — eight more years.

And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is 'freedom fighter.' I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibil-

ity as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium.

I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change, like Plus Five Degrees. Plus five degrees is uninhabitable, it looks good on a T-shirt and promotes awareness.

What would you say to people who view your fighting to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as being contradictory?

My aim is quality, not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to

provide a standard of good design, which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

What are some changes that you've made in your own life to live in a more sustainable, ecologically-minded way?

I ride a bicycle for convenience and I'm a person who doesn't like to waste things. I never waste food, for example. I was brought up after the war, so I'm used to not wasting.

I also don't eat meat. I'm a very privileged person, living in this part of the world, so I can make choices and my preferred food really is just fruit and vegetables. You don't need other food. This is optimum health. Once you get into it, nothing else tastes so good.

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Vivienne Westwood's tips for living sustainably:

- **Buy less.** "Buy less, choose well and make it last. I really do think that people should exercise choice and not just consume without thought — sucking up stuff all the time, one thing after another."
- **Experience art.** "Go to the art galleries. The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in,' is my motto."
- **Read.** "Read. The best fashion accessory is a book."
- **Get cooking.** "Buying and preparing your own food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."
- **D.I.Y.** "As in, wear a piece of beautiful fabric, borrow stuff from your friends and style it in with your own clothes."

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Style file

Narciso Rodriguez honoured

Fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez has always referenced the world of art: Modern paintings are one of his many sources of inspiration.

It seems fitting, then, that El Museo del Barrio will honour the designer of Cuban descent next month during its annual gala. In its announcement, El Museo said that Rodriguez is considered one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America.

"It's a great compliment. I don't know if it is necessarily true, but it is a great compliment. I like to think that I have given back to the community," Rodriguez said during an AP interview.

Rodriguez said he has been connected to the museum, which promotes Latino, Caribbean and Latin American art, for many years. It also offers youth programs to provide young people access to education. "I am always so proud of what they have done for the community — for New York, for Latinos and beyond the Latino world, for so many privileged children, families — with outreach programs," he said.

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On the Web



Montreal Fashion Week finds a new home at contemporary art complex

Top 6 small appliances



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Hamilton Beach Griddle

Independent temperature controls for each side of the griddle and two separate cooking surfaces with individual drainage means warming and cooking a variety of food when entertaining is a breeze. For use as a griddle, grill or warming tray, it's great for summer entertaining at the cottage or at-home parties. \$70, HamiltonBeach.ca

Kenwood Cooking Chef

The appliance world is buzzing about this kitchen machine that cooks and stirs at the same time with an induction-cooking feature. Beat, whisk, blend, process, grind and juice with the attachments. It's arriving in fall 2012 with a price of \$2,000 at department and specialty stores across Canada. Kenwood-World.com



De'Longhi Lattissima Plus

Works with the Nespresso Coffee Capsule System and includes a milk container for lattes and cappuccinos — all with a simple push of a button. The milk container can be refrigerated when not in use and the illuminated controls make selecting your drink choice simple. It's one of the best-priced machines of its kind at \$399. Nespresso.com

Brevill's Smart Oven

One of the most-used cooking appliances is the toaster oven. The Smart Oven BOV800XL heats from 120-500 F, with a convection fan for fast and easy baking (which reduces cooking time by 30 minutes). It automatically adjusts the heat for an exact cooking process. \$330, [The Bay](http://TheBay.com), Breville.ca



Cuisinart Professional Food Slicer

For an at-home deli, this appliance allows you to choose the thickness of cheeses and meats — great for those who are diet-conscious or charcuterie aficionados. It saves time in the kitchen, and allows families to cut roasts into healthy sliced meats. \$130, cuisinart.ca

Cuisinart Meat Grinder

All stainless-steel housing with a heavy-duty motor and die-cast hopper for great strength, this meat grinder comes with three cutting plates (fine, medium and coarse). It includes two sausage attachments. Make meatloaf and sausages — and know what ingredients you are feeding your family. Great for summer grilling! \$130, [Canadian Tire](http://CanadianTire.com) and [Home Outfitters](http://HomeOutfitters.com), cuisinart.ca



Comforters

Got a lumpy comforter? Try this



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Dear Charles the butler, My boyfriend washed his comforter, and dried it without putting tennis balls in the dryer with it. Now it's lumpy. Is it ruined or can this be salvaged somehow? Devi

Hello Devi,

Great news — all may not be lost! Put the comforter back in the washing machine (ideally a front loader) and wash it with cold water and a quarter the amount of soap that you would normally use.

After it's been washed put it into the dryer and make sure to include several tennis balls in white tube socks.

As the comforter is drying, turn off the automatic sensor and leave it in the dryer for at least a good two hours. This will allow both the outside and inside to dry properly.

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Five easy ways to green your home

We asked James Kleyla, a renovations expert at Home Depot in the U.S., for easy home-improvement projects that anyone — even hammer-averse you — can do to help out Mother Earth. Bonus: You'll save huge on your bills, too

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Install new light bulbs

Trade in your incandescents for the more energy-efficient compact fluorescent, LED or halogen bulbs. "They use so much less energy, up to one-eighth the energy compared to an incandescent bulb, so we're burning less oil and coal," Kleyla says. Another benefit? "They last so much longer."



Get the right thermostat

Installing a thermostat with a timer may ensure you're not running your central air conditioning when you're not home, which is great, but Kleyla asks why cycle your system at all if you're not there? It can save a considerable amount to turn it off completely when no one is in the house.



Change your air filters

Regarding your air conditioning and heating systems: "If you get a dirty filter in there, the air just doesn't circulate well," Kleyla says.



Invest in rechargeable tools

If you live outside the city, look into rechargeable battery garden tools instead of those that run on a noisy, inefficient two-cycle engine. "How many times have you been trying to sleep in on a Sunday morning and all of a sudden you hear those two-cycle engines? They're coming out with new garden tools that are 18 volt, and they're rechargeable, so they (make) much less noise."



Replace your toilet

"You should try to switch out your old toilet as soon as possible because the old toilets use a lot more water than the newer toilets do," Kleyla says. It isn't the most glamorous of jobs, but you can do it without a plumber — if you want to, that is. "It can be done relatively easily, but oftentimes people want a plumber."

Online resources

- sierraclubgreenhome.com. Covers everything from energy audits to waste recycling.
- environment.nationalgeographic.com/environment/green-guide. Includes a home quiz to determine where you are leaking energy and eco-friendly TV buying tips.
- globalstewards.org. Offers environmental tips for sustainable living and solutions for a more sustainable way of life, for you, your family and your home.

Thank science for innovative home decor

A designer's delight.

The latest synthetic materials are strong, malleable, lightweight and take colour easily

Your salad spinner is made of the same sort of silicone rubber developed to make Neil Armstrong's moon boots. And those acrylic salad bowls and patio chairs? Second World War fighter pilots needed safer canopies and Plexiglas was the answer.

Manufacturers of home goods are quick to adopt innovative materials and technology, and synthetics have long been a favourite. The newest ones are a designer's delight: they're malleable, strong, lightweight and take colour easily.

From a crafting standpoint, acrylics are easy to work with. Using heat, they can be stretched and moulded without losing clarity, and joints are heat fused rather than glued or screwed, which makes a finished piece virtually seamless.

Larry Abel and Raymond McCallister, designers for Palm Springs, Calif., run Art Style Innovation, a fun factory of whimsical takes on vintage and modern decor such as curvy acrylic vases and rippled bowls in neon hues.

Their playful acrylic bookends come in a variety of silhouettes including cats, roosters, dogs, flowers, and even a pair of shapely female legs. You'll find clear acrylic cube tables, too, in modern takes on classic architectural design (artstyleinnovation.com, \$35 and up).

Clear acrylic material works well in small spaces because it's nearly invisible. Designer Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz likes to use a milky-white acrylic for an ethereal quality (plexi-craft.com).

Italian design powerhouse

Kartell has frequently dominated the synthetic materials marketplace with "wow" factor pieces such as Philippe Starck's Louis Ghost chair and Ferruccio Laviani's Bourgie lamp. There's a range of colourful transparent pieces in the company's collection (allmodern.com, from \$73).

Kartell also has manufactured Starck's Bubble chair, a cartoonishly scaled piece that looks like an oversize upholstered chair but is made entirely out of polyethylene. It will survive indoors or out, and comes in several shades (allmodern.com, \$680).

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Neon acrylic vases by Art Innovation
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Colourful La Marie chairs by Kartell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No more boring basics

- Whether it's a Kitchenaid blender in hot pink or a set of Rachael Ray's sunny-orange cookware, there's more colour in functional, synthetic-material gadgets than ever before.
- Flexible silicone has fans in fashion, where accessory designers love its pliability, colour friendliness and soft feel. The same characteristics make it big with kitchen and home designers, who also appreciate that it's dishwasher-friendly. Sky-blue spatulas, tangerine whisks — just about any kitchen tool can be found in a fun, friendly hue.

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This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's red, but it isn't red hot. And that's why red-curry paste is the sort of curry the average Canadian is going to love.

Curry pastes — which are used in Thai, Indonesian, Malaysian and Indian cooking — combine dry spices with ground fresh herbs and roots, garlic, chilies and other ingredients to form thick pastes. These often are classified by colour.

Green-curry paste, for example, is a fiery Thai blend that combines green chilies, lemon grass, garlic, shrimp paste and kaffir lime leaves. It usually is blended with coconut milk to season beef, pork and chicken.

Yellow-curry paste is a bit milder and usually sports garlic, lemon grass, galangal, cumin, cinnamon and turmeric. It's popular for adding to soups.

But the most versatile and widely used is red-curry paste, a mash of red chilies, coriander roots and leaves, shrimp paste, lemon grass, garlic, shallots and galangal.

It's got some kick, but it

Ingredients

- 12-oz package fresh fettuccine pasta
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 14-oz can coconut milk
- 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 tbsp red curry paste (more or less to taste)
- Meat from a 1 1/2-lb. rotisserie chicken
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, quartered

won't sear your mouth. It's used with everything from chicken, duck and beef to pork and shrimp. And it lands in everything from stews, curries and soups to dressings, marinades and condiments.

Conveniently, red-curry paste also is the easiest variety to find at the local grocer. It usually is packed in small glass jars or cans and can be found in the Asian section. Once opened, the remainder can be

refrigerated for months.

Here, it's used to make Red Curry Chicken Noodles.

1. Bring saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and bell pepper, then sauté until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk and red curry paste. Stir until the curry paste and coconut milk are smooth, then bring to a simmer.

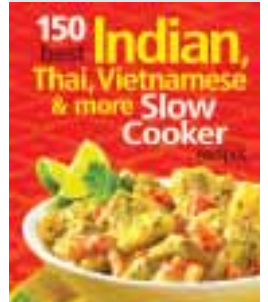
3. Chop or pull the chicken meat into bite-size chunks, then add to the coconut milk mixture. Toss well to coat evenly. If the meat is cold, return to a simmer. Stir in the cilantro.

4. Serve the pasta topped with the chicken. Alternatively, add the drained pasta to the pan with the chicken and toss to mix. Just before serving, squeeze a bit of lime juice over each plate.

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Cookbook of the Week

150 Best Indian, Thai, Vietnamese & More Slow Cooker Recipes



Slow cookers and curries go well together, and that's the idea behind Sunil Vijayakar's latest book.

The release boasts recipes with ingredients you'll easily find at your local grocer. There are also creative twists on accompaniments along with slow cooker know-how such as preparing various types of food for the slow cooker.

Among the recipes are Bangkok Sour Pork Curry, Sticky Jasmine Rice, Spiced Prawn and Pineapple Curry, Creamy Spinach and Tomato Dhal, and more. METRO

Potatoes and chickpeas see red — curry paste that is

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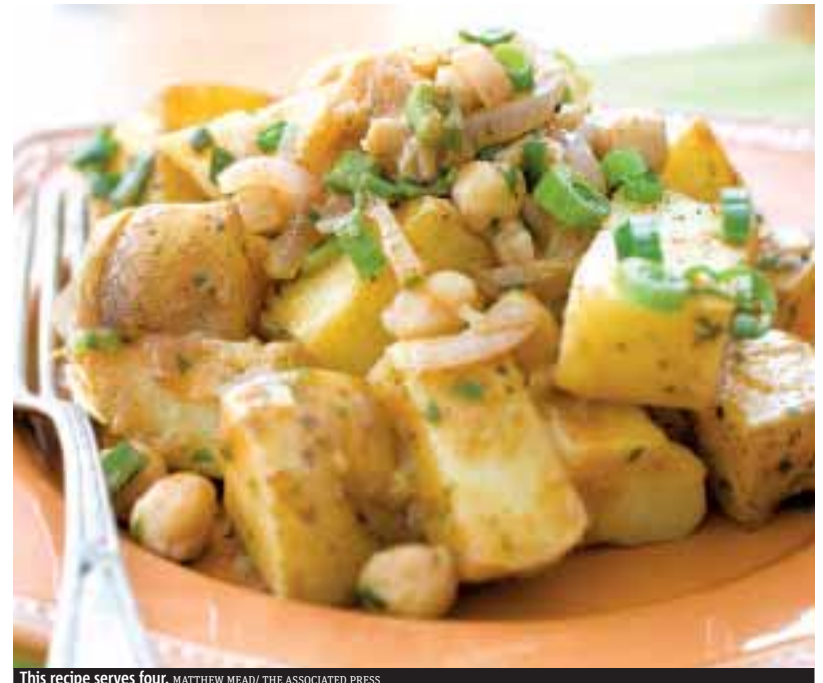
Make smart choices — as in this recipe for red curry potatoes and chickpeas — and you can have a great from-scratch dinner on the table in under 30 minutes.

To make the meal even more substantial (and to stretch it to feed six people), add the meat from a rotisserie chicken at the same time as the potatoes.

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine potatoes and water. Microwave on High for about 5 minutes or until potatoes are almost cooked.

2. Meanwhile, in a large dry skillet set over medium heat; toast cumin and cinnamon for 1 minute. Add coconut milk and curry paste, then bring to a simmer.

3. Add chickpeas and red onion, and return to a simmer.



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 3 large Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) chunks
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin and cinnamon
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) coconut milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Thai red curry paste
- 1 can (540 ml/19 oz) chickpeas, drained
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cider or white vinegar
- Pinch each salt and ground black pepper
- 2 green onions, chopped

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Skicross

Family blames 'death trap' for fatal accident

Stunning negligence in course design and safety features led to the "entirely avoidable" death of a Canadian skicross racer at a World Cup event in Switzerland last month, his family argued Wednesday.

In calling for a thorough, independent inquiry into the death of Nik Zoricic, his family disputed the official position that he was killed in a "freak" accident.

"The finish line was a death trap," family lawyer Tim Danson alleged.

"It is unacceptable that an elite athlete like Nik Zoricic can make a perfect landing, barely miss the finish line by one metre, and be killed for it."

Citing four reliable sources, Danson alleged that race authorities had been warned beforehand that the course was unsafe. No one did anything, he said. Danson said the sources were afraid to come forward for fear of ruining their own careers.

Zoricic, 29, who grew up in Toronto, had raced on the World Cup circuit for more than three years and was competing in his 36th event in Grindelwald. He was killed at the finish line of a tight three-way race.

The family said it had no plans for legal action provided a proper inquiry is done, saying the aim is to avoid a repeat of the tragedy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Bebe Zoricic, father of skicross racer Nik Zoricic, pauses at a press conference in Toronto on Wednesday. MICHELLE SUI/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ottawa's Craig Anderson and Daniel Alfredsson of the Ottawa Senators defend the net in Game 1 against the Rangers. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sens look to make their own luck in 7

NHL. It's win or go golfing as Senators travel to New York to try to achieve upset of Rangers

He's never won a Game 7 in the Stanley Cup playoffs and Daniel Alfredsson thinks his Ottawa Senators are long overdue.

Alfredsson and the Sens are looking to extend their season Thursday as they take on the New York Rangers in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series.

Ottawa has an 0-for-4 franchise record in Game 7s and Alfredsson, who has never played for another NHL team,

is ready to put an end to that losing streak.

"There's no better time than (Thursday)," said Alfredsson. "Every year is different, every group is different. There's so many stats you can pay attention to, but I've said this group has been resilient all year long and we're looking for one more effort here from everybody, and if we get that we'll keep playing."

The game could be notable for more than who advances to the next round. Alfredsson has hinted in the past that he might be playing in his final playoffs, making his appearance at Madison Square Garden possibly the last time the 39-year-old captain suits up for the Senators.

But Alfredsson and the Senators will have plenty of confi-

dence heading into New York, having already won two out of three games on the Rangers' home ice.

After squandering the opportunity to win the series Monday night, goaltender Craig Anderson believes his teammates will give it all they have Thursday.

"We have to lay everything out there because there is no tomorrow," said Anderson. "We have an opportunity to do something great and keep pushing forward.... If we have everyone working together and we lay it all out there, we can look at ourselves in the mirror at the end and say we gave it our all regardless of the result."

"But obviously we'd like to win."

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Spotty Rangers record

Home teams were only 17-28 in first-round Game 7s heading into Game 7 of the Boston-Washington series on Wednesday night.

- The Rangers have gone 3-0 in Game 7s at home but are just 3-5 overall.
- They haven't hosted a Game 7 since 1994 when they had back-to-back winner-take-all games in the conference finals and Stanley Cup finals.
- The Rangers lost their last Game 7 appearance, losing to Washington in the first round of the 2009 playoffs after leading the series 3-1.

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"It's really very serious stuff and it does take in account the fact that the perpetrator is who he is and has the record that he has."

NBA commissioner David Stern, who on Wednesday said the elbow that Metta World Peace used to give James Harden a concussion was "recklessly thrown" and the Los Angeles Lakers forward's history absolutely weighed into the seven-game suspension. World Peace, who changed his name from Ron Artest, received an 86-game suspension in 2004 — the longest ban for an on-court incident in NBA history — for jumping into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills in the Detroit suburbs to fight fans.

On the web



The role of the closer typically comes with a pay bump in the bullpen, but could it also be considered danger pay? Getting the final three outs is taking its toll as seven closers have spent time on the disabled list already in the young MLB season. Scan the code for the story.

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NBA. James says Heat's growing pains are gone

A year ago, it was all different. LeBron James calls it a transition phase, one where he was wrapped up in figuring out how his game was going to mesh with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami.

The way James sees it, the Heat growing pains are gone. And he hopes that means his annual championship quest will finally be fulfilled.

Driven by last season's loss to Dallas in the NBA finals — a series where he made seven field-goal attempts in 68 fourth-quarter minutes — James and the Heat return to the post-season as the No. 2 seed on the Eastern Conference bracket. Their first-round opponent is still not determined. Their ultimate goal was determined long ago.

"I have to be who I am," James said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Last year was the biggest teacher. The greatest teacher in life is experience. And I had that last year. I'm back to being the person who can take over games."

"I have no problem taking over a game now."

Championship quest

- James has been to the finals twice now, first when he and Cleveland were swept by San Antonio, then last year's six-game defeat to Dallas.

Here's an example: In one recent game, Wade was walking to the bench for a timeout. Halfway there, he was met by James. For the next 45 seconds, James was in his teammate's ear about something. He did all the talking. Wade did all the nodding.

"Obviously, last year we kind of got cheated a little bit out of the greatness of LeBron as a vocal leader," Wade said. "He had so much going on, so much in his mind that he was just trying to show everybody with his play and his toughness."

"But this year, especially of late, we've all been getting the vocal player, the intelligent player that LeBron is. His IQ of the game is second to none. So you listen. Especially me." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Second Spanish football giant knocked out

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid reacts during a penalty shootout during the Champions League semifinal Wednesday in Madrid. Ronaldo had his penalty saved and Bayern Munich beat Real Madrid 3-1 on penalties to secure its place against Chelsea in the Champions League final following a memorable contest between the longtime European rivals. **JASPER JUINEN/GETTY IMAGES**

Tennis

Raonic advances in Barcelona

Canadian Milos Raonic defeated Russian Igor Andrejev 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday to reach the third round at the Barcelona Open.

The 11th seed from Thornhill, Ont., who often trains in the Catalan capital during the season, advances to meet sixth-seeded Spaniard Nicolas Almagro on Thursday.

"I feel my level improved a lot between my first match and this one," said Raonic. "I'm hitting the ball better and feeling well on the court."

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Cricket

Canada searches for coach again

Less than seven months after hiring its last coach, Cricket Canada is again looking for someone to take the national team to the next level after the resignation of Michael Dighton was announced Wednesday.

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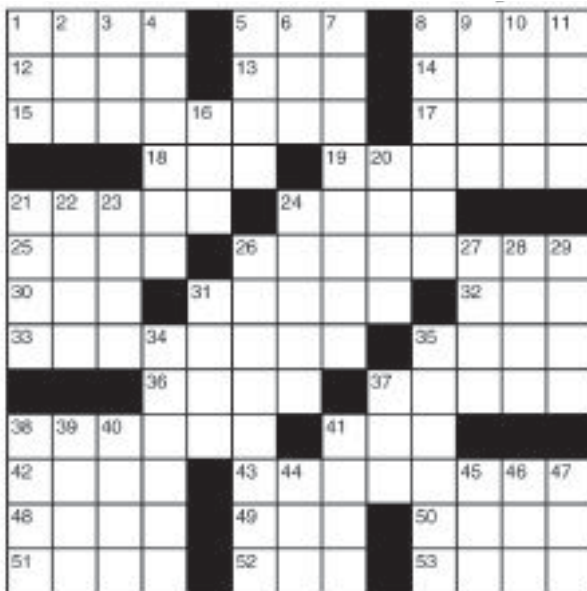
Crossword

Across

- 1 Big bash
5 Caviar, basically
8 Bunch of cronies
12 Shakespeare's river
13 Author Fleming
14 A-line creator
15 Traveler's verification
17 Oppositionist
18 Humor
19 Sought prey
21 Taken for granted
24 Smooch
25 Hebrew month
26 Superintend's ringful
30 Prepared
31 Judge, often
32 Right-turn command
33 Long-popular game show
35 Dove's home
36 Potter's oven
37 Washbowl
38 Docking area
41 Charged particle
42 Particular
43 Seder time
48 Daytime drama
49 Baltimore newspaper
50 Tablet
51 Agile
52 Small lizard
53 Sweet potatoes

Down

- 1 Hiatus
2 Ms. Gardner
3 Part of UCLA
4 Response
5 Laugh-a-minute
6 Scull tool
7 Filled with zeal
8 Polish port city
9 "— Misbehavin' "
10 Staff member?
11 Grating
16 Wrestling victory
20 Abbr. on old Asian maps
21 React in horror
22 Notion
23 Cisterns
24 Wee Scot
26 Slippage, to an anatomist
27 Cooperation barriers
28 Bigfoot's cousin
29 Spotted
31 Clone
34 Covering hardly anything
35 Awning
37 Derek and Diddley
38 "— Congeniality"
39 On
40 Bring up



- 41 "— It Romantic?"
44 Wiedersehen preceder
45 By way of

- 46 Freddy's street
47 Literary monogram

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	5	1	2	9	8	4	7	3
4	3	8	7	5	1	9	5	2
9	7	2	4	3	5	6	8	1
5	1	4	6	8	3	2	9	7
7	8	6	9	1	2	5	3	4
3	2	9	5	4	7	8	1	6
1	4	3	8	2	9	7	6	5
8	6	7	3	5	4	1	2	9
2	9	5	1	7	6	3	4	8

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MXCS KCQKIC BFC VEFYHSD
QS B FQIICF VQBYLCF.
VQEIN RQE YBR LXCR'FC
YMCBFHSD EK BSN NQMS?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A COMIC
BOOK ABOUT SOME SUPER-POTENT BAKING
STUFF GET TITLED "THE FANTASTIC FLOUR"?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Any doubts you have about a financial deal come from your subconscious mind, which is trying to warn you not to get involved.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Common sense should tell you to be cautious today but as common sense is currently in limited supply, you probably won't listen.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may be tempted to spend the day in your own private little bubble but let loved ones know.

♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Others will take what you say very seriously, even though to you it may be nothing more than a bit of fun.

♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Your imagination could get you into trouble today, especially on the work front.

♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Don't let anyone persuade you that you need to cut back on the many tasks you have set yourself.

♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Avoid signing up for group projects. You will do better soldiering on alone, at least for now.

♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Some people will be difficult to get along with today, not least because they are unsure of all the changes going on in your shared environment.

♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

You may believe the best way to solve a problem is to scrap everything but that would be a waste of the time you have already invested.

♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You can no longer deny that you have been playing a role with which you no longer feel comfortable.

♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

There will be disruption on the home front today, caused by a loved one's sense of grievance.

♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

If there is something important you need to say, make sure you choose your words carefully. Get to the point quickly too. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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"Don't worry, my bark is worse than my Battu!"

Jared

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